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Daily report on the effects of the Israeli aggression in Palestine

Current situation in Palestine from **7 October to 2 of November 2023 – 10:30 am**

Number of destroyed residential units	Attacks on Health Sector	Injured in Palestine	Martyrs in Palestine
177,781	More than 270	Gaza strip: more than 22 thousand	Gaza strip: 9025
		West Bank: about 2100	West Bank: 134

Health statistics department in the ministry of health Ramallah oversees the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Figures updated every 24 hours. These numbers reflect the verified statistics only but does not necessarily reflect all causalities given the fact that many victims remain missing under the rubble

Major Events

- Between 31 October (noon) and 1 November (14:00), 280 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli occupation forces in Gaza, bringing the reported fatality toll since the start of the hostilities to 8,805,
- About two-thirds of martyrs are children and women and elderly.
- Between 03:00 and 11:15 on 1 November, Gaza's telecommunication and internet services were cut for the second time in six days, leaving the civilians in grave danger amid heavy Israeli bombardments from air and land.
- On 1 November, the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship hospital in Gaza city ran out of fuel and was forced to stop all of its activities, rendering 70 cancer patients at serious life risk.

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- 16/35 hospitals in Gaza (one-third) and 51/72 primary health care clinics (more than two-thirds) have shut down due to damage from the bombardment or lack of fuel.
- Hospitals that have gone out of service due to the bombings and fuel shortages:
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1. Turkish Friendship Hospital.
2. Beit Hanoun Hospital.
3. Al-Wafa Hospital for Specialized Surgery and Medical Rehabilitation.
4. Public Aid Hospital
5. Friends of the Patient Charitable Hospital.
6. Al-Karama Specialized Hospital.
7. Haifa Charitable Hospital.
8. International Hospital for Eyes.
9. Psychiatric Hospital.
10. Martyr Mohammed Dura Children's Hospital.
11. Hamad Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Hospital.
12. Dar Al-Salam Charitable Hospital.
13. Al-Yemen Al-Saeed Hospital.
14. St. John Eye Hospital.
15. Al-Hayat Specialized Hospital.
16. Yafa Specialized Medical Hospital.

- 55% of health cluster partners stopped or limited operations due to the mass infrastructure damage.

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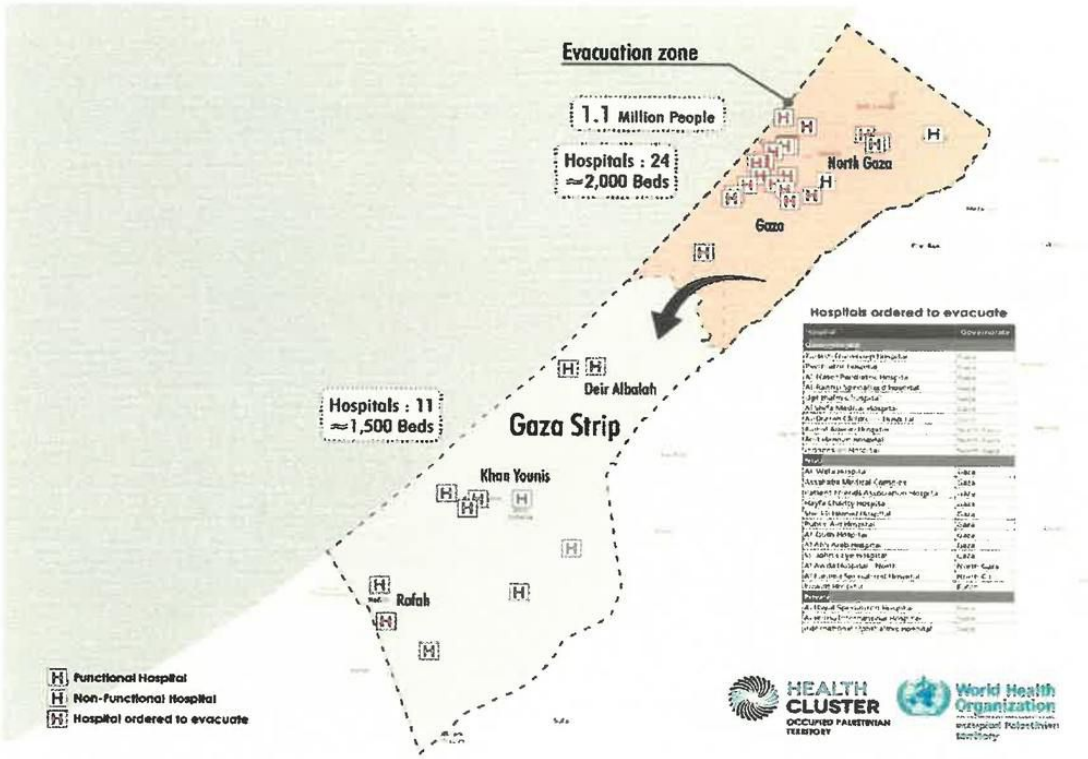
Health System



- Health partners have documented an increase in cases of skin and diarrheal diseases among IDPs in shelters due to the inadequate access to water and sanitation services.
- Upper respiratory infections are also on the rise due to the overcrowding and poor living conditions within the shelters, especially as the temperatures have started to drop.
- Pregnant women not accessing proper healthcare and having to deliver in challenging circumstances, including undergoing C-sections without anaesthesia. Maternal morbidity and mortality is major concern.

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Destroyed buildings :

- More than 45% of housing units are destroyed
  - The final count of destruction is not available as the bombardment is continuing
  - Completely destroyed and uninhabitable housing units: 33,960 units
  - Partially destroyed housing units: 150,000 units
  - Non-operational health facilities (due to lack of fuel or bombardment) :16 hospital and 51 primary health clinics
  - Educational Facilities: (246) of schools damaged (38 completely damaged)
  - 42 UNRWA installations, including several designated emergency shelters (DES), have been damaged, with one of them being directly hit,

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- The ongoing Israeli aggression have displaced most of the medical professionals in Gaza, forcing the hospitals to operate with less than one-third of their normal staffing levels.
- The hospitals continue to suffer from a severe fuel shortage, leading to stringent rationing and limited use of generators for only the most essential functions.
- Maintaining and repairing backup generators, originally not intended for continuous operation, is growing increasingly challenging due to the scarcity of spare parts.
- Acute shortage of fuel and electricity is seriously affecting the most critical functions at all hospitals and the ability of ambulances to respond.

- Fuel depletion risks the lives of injured patients; patients in intensive care, those requiring surgery, in addition to neonatal incubators and over 1000 patients dependent on dialysis. (six hospitals stopped their operations due to fuel shortage)
- Shortage of blood: Calls continue for blood donation and appeals for outside supply of blood units.
- 95 patients per day are unable to access the specialized health care they would usually receive outside the Gaza Strip
- Nine UNRWA health centers (out of 22) are still operational in the Middle and South areas
- Medical staff capacity is 30% of what is required.
- 350,000 non communicable diseases patients (diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and others). 1000 patients in need for kidney dialysis. 80% of dialysis machines are in the north.
- MoH reported that its daily use of medical consumables during the Israeli occupation aggression is equivalent to its monthly consumption before.

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resulting in 13 fatalities and 195 injuries among IDPs.
- At least 7 churches and 52 mosques damaged

Displacement

- The cumulative number of IDPs since the start of hostilities in Gaza is estimated at over 1.4 million. This figure includes nearly 671,000 people staying in 150 UNRWA facilities, 121,750 sheltering in hospitals, churches, and other public buildings, and nearly 83,000 in 72 non-UNRWA schools. In addition, the Ministry of Social Development estimates that some 700,000 IDPs are residing with host families.
- Overcrowding is a growing concern, as the average number of IDPs per shelter has reached 2.7 times their designated capacity, with the most overcrowded one reaching 11 times its intended capacity.
- It is estimated that more than 15% of IDPs suffer from various disabilities, and most shelter centres are not adequately equipped to meet their needs. These centres lack mattresses and medical beds, which causes ulcers and other medical problems that cannot be treated and dealt with under these circumstances

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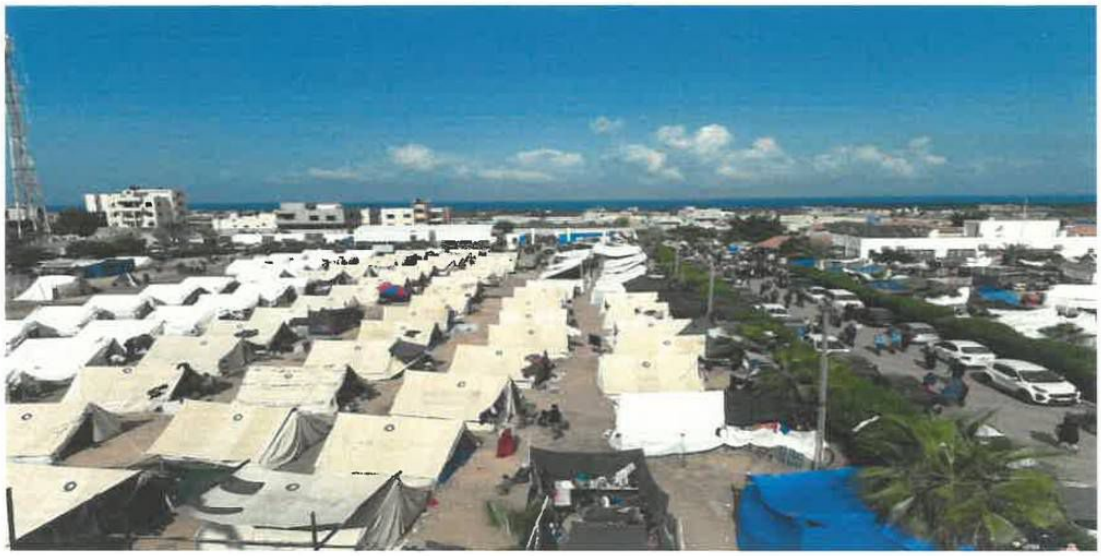

- An imminent public health catastrophe looms in the setting of mass displacement, overcrowding of shelters, damage to the water and sanitation infrastructure. UNRWA shelters have reported thousands of cases of acute respiratory infections and Diarrhea as well as cases of chicken pox.

Health

Priority Needs:

- Addressing shortages of human resources, medicine and medical supplies impacting case management.
- Fuel supply for hospitals and ambulances.
- Urgent need to restock medicine and medical supplies given depletion of stocks in the local market.

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- Need for short and long-term mental health and psychosocial support services for large numbers of psychologically traumatized people.
- Access to mobile clinics for 29 communities in Area C locations in Hebron, Jenin and Qalqilya and other areas who have not had access since Israeli aggression began.
- Improve the nutritional status, particularly of about 283,000 children under five and pregnant or lactating women, in response to the concerning food security and water situation in Gaza.
- Ensuring the provision of Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies, including preventive nutrition interventions, curative nutrition interventions, intact nutrition supplies pipeline, and a functional nutrition coordination mechanism.

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